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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Keith Boyer

BY TONY ATWATER

TEAM OF VISIONARIES

We look forward to breaking ground for the **Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex** late this fall. The significance of this day cannot be overstated as a hallmark event in the history of this university and the Indiana region.

While we anticipate inspiring remarks from dignitaries and community leaders, this groundbreaking is much more than a ceremony. It is the starting point for realizing the long-term vision of many university, community, and commonwealth leaders.

There were many who doubted that the KCAC would ever be constructed and for many reasons. However, a strong contingent of individuals refused to let the vision of this magnificent facility die.

This facility, to be completed in spring 2011, is projected to have a \$22-million economic impact on the region during construction and an annual economic impact of \$12.5 million in each year of operation. The KCAC exemplifies IUP's critical, stewardship role in contributing to the economic revitalization of the Indiana region.

While owned and managed by IUP, the KCAC will serve as a resource for the entire Western Pennsylvania region. This 150,000-square foot building will offer a five-thousand-seat arena for athletic events, concerts, trade shows, and other community events; the 650-seat Christine Toretti Auditorium; a fully equipped audiovisual global conference room; smaller breakout rooms for meetings; and full-service catering services. It will house the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security and administrative offices of the IUP athletics staff. It will offer students experiential learning opportunities through internships and work study. Physically, it will be a welcome new focal point for visitors and residents along the Wayne Avenue entrance to campus, and it also will be environmentally friendly.

In July, IUP and the Foundation for IUP made the announcement that the Horizon Group, representing Horizon Properties Group LLC and Summit Development Consulting Corp., will serve as the developer of the KCAC's high-end, attached hotel. Owned by the Foundation for IUP, the hotel will offer up to 140 rooms composed of both standard and upgraded suites, banquet and meeting spaces to complement the KCAC, a hotel franchise restaurant, lobby bar, and a separate restaurant with its own identity, in accordance with recommendations from a feasibility study completed by Hotel and Leisure Advisors of Cleveland, Ohio. The hotel will add to the economic viability and attractiveness of the KCAC for visitors and event planners. Groundbreaking for the hotel will take place next year, and it will open in spring 2011.

A project of the magnitude of the KCAC could not be possible without community and legislative champions. I especially appreciate the valuable efforts of members of the KCAC Commission and Steering Committee, who continue to provide wise counsel and advocacy.

In addition to a lead gift of \$2 million from the Kovalchick family of Indiana, we have received significant financial support through Congressman John Murtha. We have also been successful in securing funding from foundations, corporations, businesses, alumni, and friends. In September, the Council of Trustees approved naming of the KCAC conference room in recognition of the PNC Foundation's July \$300,000 commitment. The Indiana Initiative continues to pick up momentum with a steady stream of continuing gifts.

Thanks to all who have stayed the course and who were part of our team of visionaries who have helped to advance the KCAC. This project is central to advancing our magnificent university and community and to sustaining our tremendous legacy of academic excellence. 🐦

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The boxing exploits of Johnny Kostas '49 are legendary—not only at his alma mater, but also in the U.S. Marine Corps. A story from the *Marine Corps News* depicts his colorful and long life story and describes why the *Guinness Book of World Records* has shown interest.

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Keith Boyer

FRONT COVER: Design by David Raymond.

BACK COVER: Oak Grove streaker. Photograph by Barry Reeger.



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A Playwright Remembers

I was saddened to learn in the Spring issue that Tom Williams '47 has died. Tom acted in a play, *The Golden Cross*, which I wrote as a student in Dr. Stabley's Creative Writing class. Niki Blissell played opposite Tom, and Sam Campagna wrote original music for the play. Tom was excellent and went on to become a teacher and then a businessman. I lost touch with him, but I never forgot him and the others who participated in the production. What wonderful times those were.

Phyllis Gensbiger Roumm '46
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Welcomed with Open Arms

Published reports reveal that GIs of World War II are dying off at the rate of thousands every day. At eighty-six years of age, it would appear that I have caught up with my future. Now my future is measured in what tomorrow has in store. I don't bemoan the prospect, since my yesterdays are filled with wonderful memories of places, events, and people that have enriched my life. Old photographs, a bit faded now, help recall those events that have shaped my life.

Doubtless Indiana State Teachers College stands out as the seminal point of my educational experience. If it were not for the GI Bill, I would have taken "the path most traveled." ISTC welcomed us GIs with open arms. The college bought several rows of houses along the railroad tracks across the street from the power plant to accommodate us. We renamed the street GI Row. I was housed in Cottage B with twelve other GIs. Many hands were offered to us and we accepted them gratefully.

We GIs had to buckle down immediately, since we were competing with classmates who were fresh out of high school and five to eight years younger than we. Soon we were dubbed

DARs (Damned Average Raisers). Our teachers had great empathy for us when we were overcome with our war experiences. Through the composition and creative writing classes, we were given permission to confront our demons that haunted our dreams. For many of us it was a catharsis, an opportunity to objectify our inner feelings through the written word. Some of these writings were published in a small booklet entitled *Indiana GI Writes: 1946-47*. In his introduction to the booklet, Dr. Stabley wrote: "The war stirred their emotions, shaped their senses, jolted their minds, and often shocked their sensibilities. ...their work struck us with its power and depth." A profound change had occurred in us, and as teachers, I hope we had made a change in those we touched.

What a privilege it has been to walk the journey with so many ISTC friends. We have forged a bond that memories bind us together. For a while we had walked together along the crisscrossed paths under the Oaks, then each chose his or her own path to follow. Hail to thee, old friends! You have become a part of me and I of you.

Hail to thee, O' Alma Mater! You have taught me well.

Stephen S. Udvari '49
Madison, Wis.

'Get a Degree,' They Said

"I see this school as the genesis of everything that I really am, professionally and personally," Dick Macedonia states in the Summer edition of *IUP Magazine*.

It is so easy to lampoon our education at IUP. Didn't future success come from drinking Iron City beer out of quart bottles, spending long hours in the Student Union, and hiding from Dean Elwood Sheeder and the Selective Service?

I venture to guess that the majority in our class of 1966 were "dropped off with two shopping bags full of clothes." However, we were ingrained with the idea from our parents and educators that we did not have to be a steel mill hunkie, coal miner, barber,

butcher, or truck driver. "Get a degree," they constantly drummed into our heads.

IUP Magazine has recently featured 1966 classmates Dave Wilson, Sam Mitrovich, Bill Rusnack, Dick Macedonia, and others. All seem to agree that success comes from hard work.

But, more importantly, success comes from giving back to those who don't even have "two shopping bags full of clothes."

Ray Rutter '66
June Hunter Rutter '67
St. Louis, Mo.

Shattering Beliefs

Thanks for writing the article about Dick Macedonia. I was struck by his remark "...and I allowed myself to have a basic belief shattered..." which unleashed the culture change and programs he goes on to describe as "the catalyst for change in the organization." I wonder what kind of personal coaching or training gives Mr. Macedonia that kind of self-awareness and vocabulary so badly needed by our corporate leaders today.

I am now consulting for change in businesses and organizations that like so many are failing because of big groups of smart, highly paid executives collectively not noticing the shifting sands under their feet. These sea changes catching everyone unawares include demographics (like generational or cognitive diversity, talent crunch, or quickly approaching mass Baby Boom Retirement in 2012), world commodities price fundamentals, environment and sustainability, technology and media, or, worse yet, the rise of BRIC markets as the future growth engine of consumer goods and culture products.

One of the most important first steps for change in a large, complicated, expensive corporate enterprise is just that very basic simple step of "changing beliefs" in the mind and heart of the first executive in charge. That is the right way to get the ball rolling. So many clients think that hiring change consultants or coaches will fix everybody else. The truth is that the leader has to experience fundamental

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"Issues of Cost and Access"

(Editor's Note: Many Pennsylvanians don't realize the differences that exist among the commonwealth's "public" universities in terms of their governance and what they charge students. Bill Schackner's article addresses the latter issue.)

On July 18, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported on the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's tuition increase for 2008-2009.

"Starting this fall," reporter Bill Schackner wrote, "Pennsylvanians will pay \$181 more for a year's undergraduate tuition at any of the 14 state-owned universities."

"In one respect," he continued, "it's more sour news in a state with public college prices that are already among the most expensive. But the 3.5 percent increase for 2008-09 also marks the fourth straight year the State System of Higher Education has kept tuition hikes at or below the rate of inflation. The increase, approved yesterday, brings the base yearly tuition to \$5,358 at the 14 schools including California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana and Slippery Rock universities in Western Pennsylvania.

"By curbing increases since 2005, the State System is offering its 110,000 students price relief not seen at the state-related University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University. At those two schools, the region's largest, main base tuition increases far outpaced inflation much of the past decade, rising in a single year by as much as 14 percent."

Schackner reported base tuition for 2008-09 had risen by 6 percent at Pitt, to \$12,832, and by 5.9 percent

at Penn State, to \$13,014.

He noted that "Some who follow issues of cost and access are of two minds about Pennsylvania's latest price trends—heartened on the one hand that State System increases have slowed, but also troubled by the price disparity now separating the system schools from state-related schools including Pitt and Penn State.

"In 1998, roughly \$2,400 separated yearly tuition charged by the State System from the base main campus rate at Pitt or Penn State. The difference now exceeds \$7,400."

Schackner cautioned that "The new State System tuition does not reflect other costs. Including a \$6 technology fee increase approved yesterday, total in-state charges for tuition, required fees, and room and board will average about \$13,000.

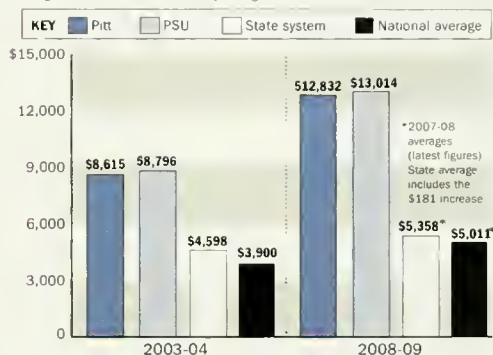
"Still, the smaller tuition increases have brought the State System closer to the College Board's national tuition average for public campuses: \$166 above it as of 2007-08, versus \$698 above it five years ago."

James Begany, IUP's associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said, "With inflation putting pressure on higher education costs, it's very satisfying the State System is able to offer a high-quality education at an affordable tuition."

IUP BY THE NUMBERS

Tuition comparison

A trend toward more modest tuition increases across the State System of Higher Education has brought its 14 state universities closer to the national price average for public campuses. At the same time, a price disparity separating those campuses from the main campuses of the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University has grown.



State tuition increase, 2005-09



Sources: Pitt, Penn State, State System, College Board Post-Gazette

IUP's Out-of-State Rate

Again this year, non-Pennsylvania residents can take advantage of undergraduate tuition savings at IUP. The discounts pertain to *any* student from the following states: Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

What's more, students from the other forty-four states qualify for discounts if they have earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better. Freshmen must have earned a minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale or an 85 percent on a percentage scale. Transfer students must have earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA at all institutions attended before enrolling at IUP.

Information about the tuition differential for nonresidents can be found in the Financing Your Education section at www.iup.edu/admissions/undergraduate. Information is also available by calling the Office of Admissions at 724-357-2230 or by sending e-mail to admissions-inquiry@iup.edu.

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In Good Company

By Elaine Jacobs Smith
Photography by Keith Boyer

Susan Delaney at home in Indiana

LOOKING BACK TO HER UNDERGRADUATE YEARS AT INDIANA STATE COLLEGE, Susan Snell Delaney said she never would have imagined that a building on the campus she called home in the early sixties would, one day, be named for her.

“Never in my wildest dreams,” she said.



But in March 2008, the Suites on Grant—Lower, one of two suite-style residence halls built in the first phase of Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s Residential Revival, was, in fact, renamed for her. The honor was based on Delaney’s service to IUP over four decades, including twenty-one years on the Council of Trustees—five of those as chairperson.

“I was so taken aback,” Delaney said. “It made me think of all the other people who have been honored.”

Among them was the friend who extended Delaney her invitation to join the trustees, the late State Senator Pat Stapleton, for whom the library was named in 1982.

“When I would walk past the library, I would often think what a thrill that must have been for him,” she said. “Now, I get to share that.”

Delaney may never have foreseen such an honor, but she also never expected that, more than forty years after her graduation, IUP would still be a central part of her life.

“When I left this place, I can remember riding home in the car with my father, going through all the songs in my mind that I didn’t want to forget—all the sorority songs and the fight songs—because I truly never would have imagined I would be back here,” she said. “I didn’t know where my life was headed.”

Originally from Coraopolis, Delaney followed her older sister, Barbara, to Indiana State College, and both majored in Home Economics Education. The youngest, Nancy, took up English and German at Dickinson College in Carlisle, but all of the Snell sisters studied hard.

● Delaney Hall is the new building on the right, in front of Sutton Hall. The Suites on Pratt are under construction in the foreground on the site formerly occupied by Campus Towers.



The building Susan Snell knew as Washington House was built in the 1800s near the corner of Washington and Eleventh streets. Late in that century, it became the Girls' Industrial Home and was overseen by the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania. The goal of the home's director, Sue Williard, was to train girls in housekeeping, give them a good education, and eventually place them in good homes. In the 1960s, when a deluge of Baby Boom matriculants overwhelmed ISC residence halls, college women were assigned to this and other nearby houses. Privately owned, this one is still home to students.

"In my home, that's what we did," said Delaney, a *magna cum laude* graduate. Her father was a junior high principal, and her mother—despite not attending college because her family believed it was inappropriate for women—was "probably the brightest person I've ever known," Delaney said.

Part of an oversized freshman class in 1960 that squeezed many incoming students into off-campus housing, Delaney lived her first year in Washington House, a large, wood-frame house at Washington and Eleventh streets. "It's the only building I lived in that's still standing," she said.

Her sophomore and junior years, she lived in a part of Sutton Hall known as the "tower," a turret-like structure demolished in the seventies for construction of the library. Her senior year was spent in Mack Hall, brand new at the time but razed in 2007 to make way for the Residential Revival.

"You know you're getting old when the state-of-the-art building you stayed in as a senior becomes so hopelessly outmoded," she said.

Delaney also kept busy with campus activities. She was involved in a group for Home Economics Education majors, held offices in her sorority, Delta Zeta, and served as president of the Women's Governing Board and vice president of Student Government.

After graduation in 1964, Delaney began teaching home economics at Montour High School in McKees Rocks. Though shy—something she still struggles with today, she said—and only four years older than some of her students, Delaney found a level of comfort in front of the group.

"I attribute a lot of that to the university," she said. "I was prepared to be a teacher. I had student taught, and I had been taught well."

Delaney married in 1965. At the time, her husband, Jack, was selling cars at a Chevrolet dealership in Pittsburgh's North Hills. They had met during Susan's senior year of college, when Jack was working at the downtown Indiana car dealership the family now owns.

In 1967, Susan Delaney took a job at North

Allegheny Senior High School in Wexford, where she taught until she had her first child, Jack, in 1970 and decided to stay at home. Around the same time, the Delaneys learned that the Indiana car dealership was for sale; they moved back to Indiana as the new owners in May 1971.

Having two more children, Tom and Beth, over the next six years, Delaney continued to stay at home, which allowed her to get involved in the community. "I felt like I was contributing, but I was still involved with my family," she said.

It was also a social outlet. She had friends from her days on campus—some, like former Dean of Women Nancy Newkerk, were living in Indiana—but, otherwise, she knew few people around town. "I felt a void because I had a network of friends in Pittsburgh, not here," she said.

In the early seventies, she began volunteering for the local Meals on Wheels, taking on roles from scheduling drivers to delivering meals (she would take her children along in the car) to cooking. She has served as board president of the local organization since 1974.

Her memberships would go on to include boards of Indiana Hospital, now Indiana Regional Medical Center; Clairvaux Commons, an apartment complex for senior citizens; and the Visiting Nurse Association of Indiana County, of which she is president.

Delaney was reacquainted with IUP in the mid-seventies. Upon her return to Indiana, IUP was considering tearing down Sutton Hall in order to expand the library. Delaney was asked to serve on a committee attempting to save Sutton, which had been—and remains—the campus's landmark building.

Later that decade, she served on an advisory board for a joint program between IUP and the School of Respiratory Care at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

"When I came back to town, it was just natural that I would want to be a part of IUP," she said. "I've always loved this place."

Since joining the Council of Trustees in 1987, Delaney has had numerous

appointments, including to the Research Institute Board of Directors, three presidential search committees, and the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees, of which she is a past president. Her current term on the IUP Council of Trustees expires in 2011, and she may seek another afterward.

Her service has been recognized at IUP and within the greater Indiana community with awards such as the IUP President's Medal of Distinction, the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award for Service, and Civic Leader of the Year. It also caught the attention of her fifth-grade teacher, Emily Williams, who now lives in Dover, Ohio. A 1943 graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, Williams has been in touch with Delaney during recent visits to campus.

In the eighties, the Delaney dealership was the first to donate a vehicle for university use, which it continues to do today. The family also has endowed a scholarship, the first of which was awarded this year. Delaney said her husband was instrumental in setting up the standards, including that the award be based on need rather than academic achievement. The scholarship is for students from Indiana and Westmoreland counties, where the family's two businesses are located.

Delaney attributes her service to IUP and the greater community—which she balances with working part time at the dealership—to her need to give back. "I feel so fortunate to have accomplished what I have and to have the things that I have," she said.

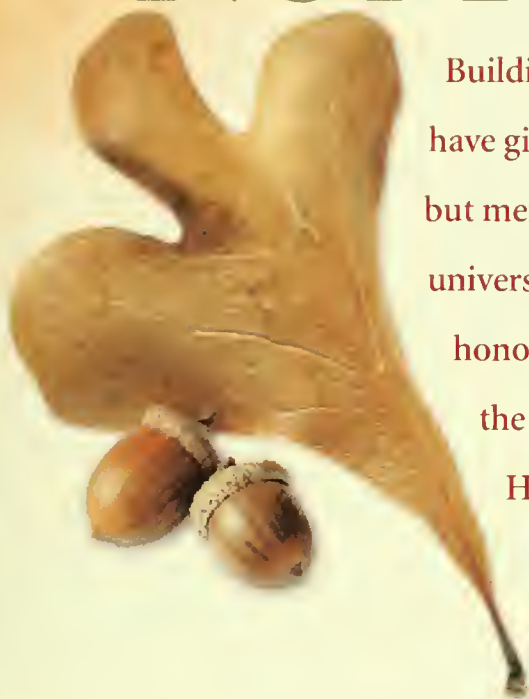
As an undergraduate, Delaney was awarded the Corinne Menk Wahr Scholarship, which paid at least a year of her tuition, she said. Coincidentally, to make way for the Suites on Grant—Lower, now known as Delaney Hall, Wahr Hall was demolished. Delaney appreciated that a plaque recognizing Wahr was placed where her building once stood.

"It was kind of a continuum," she said. "That money meant a great deal to my education."

For Delaney, watching the buildings she had known for more than forty years be toppled has brought mixed emotions.

"I guess I've learned over the years to

NOT GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN



Buildings named for the nine people in this story have given way to replacements on the IUP campus, but memories of each person, so vital to the university's history, remain. Bronze plaques honoring them have been or will be installed in the new buildings of the Residential Revival. Here are the stories of nine lives, briefly told.

By Karen Gresh

Mary Louise Esch was born in Brushvalley Township, Indiana County, in 1895. She graduated from Indiana State Normal School in 1915 and immediately started working as secretary to the registrar. Within a year, she herself had become registrar and held the post for the next half-century.

In the decades before the school had an Alumni Relations office, Esch worked to organize the General Alumni Association, helped to reorganize it in 1933, and later became its treasurer. She was executive secretary of the association—even after retiring as registrar—until her death.

Esch played many roles beyond registrar. She was instrumental in publishing alumni bulletins and directories and kept in touch with graduates near and far. In 1940, for instance, forty-three local units of the General Alumni Association were distributed throughout Pennsylvania, with one unit in New York City. At least thirty units elected officers and held meetings on a regular basis.

According to Paula Jerro McGuire, who worked with Esch in the late sixties, Esch and her office oversaw class registration, grade postings, alumni mailings, and the collection of alumni dues and donations.



"And," McGuire said, "it was all done by hand."

Esch died in London at the end of 1971; less than two years later, Esch Hall was dedicated in her memory. It was demolished last summer to make way for the Sutton Suites.

McClellan Gordon is the subject of a biography published by his daughter, Elinor Gordon Blair, who was born in 1913 and until adolescence lived on the normal school campus. The house the Gordon family occupied also accommodated twelve students. Seven years ago, Blair published a memoir of her father, filled with detailed descriptions of life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Gordon came to Indiana State Normal School in 1883, less than a decade after the school opened. Born twenty years earlier in Snow Hill, Md., he was already acclaimed as champion speller of



Gordon Family

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Pennsylvania's Fulton County and had taught in the one-room school from which he graduated.

He completed the normal school's regular two-year course, taught for a year in West Newton, and returned to Indiana for the two-year scientific course. He received a Master of Science degree from the normal school in 1888. For the next five years, Gordon was superintendent of the Irwin (Pa.) schools. In 1892, he came back to Indiana as a member of the mathematics faculty and stayed until his retirement in 1927.

He was more than a teacher. According to his daughter, "He had charge of the book store, open every morning for business for an hour—the front room on the second floor of John Sutton Hall [where the Provost's office is today]. He had charge of the Student Loan Fund and assisted in finding teaching positions for graduates."

Gordon was the students' travel agent, purchasing train tickets and making baggage arrangements, and he was designated announcer in the campus dining room, where everyone gathered for meals. He oversaw a literary society and teams in tennis, field hockey, and baseball.

When he retired, Gordon moved his family to North Eighth Street and proceeded to devote himself as wholeheartedly to the life of the town of Indiana as he had to what by then had become Indiana State Teachers College. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church (later renamed Calvary), the Masonic order, the hospital board, and the Community Chest. He died in 1937.

Not quite thirty years later, Gordon Hall was erected and named in Gordon's memory. The building housed 230 students and was torn down last year to make way for the Northern Suites.

Jonathan Nicholas Langham was born in the Indiana County hamlet of Eastrun in 1861. He graduated from Indiana State Normal School in 1882 but had already begun teaching in 1877 at the Salt Well School in Susquehanna Township, Cambria County. He taught school and read law at the same time and in 1888 was admitted to the Indiana County Bar.

In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison appointed Langham Indiana postmaster. He later was assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, special examiner for the U.S.

Department of Justice, and chief clerk and corporation deputy in the Pennsylvania auditor general's office. He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing a district that included Indiana, Jefferson, Armstrong, and Clarion counties.

From 1915 until retiring in 1936, Langham was judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County. In 1927, during a nationwide mine shutdown, he issued a sweeping injunction that prohibited striking coal miners from assembling, marching, and singing hymns outside the Magyar Presbyterian Church in Rossiter.

The scope of Langham's injunction drew national attention to the working conditions of miners and sympathy for the plight of their families. Members of a Senate subcommittee launched an inquiry and in February 1928 scheduled a fact-finding visit to Rossiter, Commodore, Arcadia, and Clymer. In an evening session at the Moore Hotel in Indiana, the senators questioned Langham about his injunction.

Eventually, the strike ended in a defeat for the United Mine Workers. But the visit and testimony left a lasting impression on at least one lawmaker: New York Senator Robert Wagner became the key architect of the 1935 National Labor Relations Act.

Langham died in 1945. Fifteen years later, in recognition of the judge's fourteen-year tenure as a trustee, Langham Hall was named in his memory. It housed 185 students and stood on the current site of Delaney Hall and the Suites on Maple East.



Jonathan
Nicholas
Langham



Mabel Waller Mack

The appointment of **Mabel Waller Mack** as one of the school's first female trustees came in 1920—the landmark year in which ownership and control of the normal school were assumed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mack was born in 1878 in Bloomsburg, where her father, David Waller, Jr., was principal of the normal school. In 1890, he became superintendent of Public Instruction in Harrisburg, and in 1893, when he was named to head Indiana State Normal School, the family moved to Indiana. Mack graduated from the normal school in 1896 and from Vassar College in 1900. She studied at the University of Heidelberg in Germany, then married and settled in Indiana.

Mack served as a trustee from 1920 to 1936 and then again from 1944 to 1956. For the last decade of her tenure on the board, she was vice president. She was also active in the First United Presbyterian Church (now Graystone), the Indiana Free Library, and the Indiana County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mack died in 1964, the year after Mack Hall was named in her honor. The building's former site is now occupied by the Suites on Maple East.

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In 1902—the year after his parents arrived from Slovakia—**Albert Pechan** was born in Ford City. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine in 1928 and opened a practice in his hometown. At twenty-seven, Pechan was elected to the Ford City High School Board of Directors, later becoming the first president of the Ford City Union School District. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private and rose to major. He eventually attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the reserves.

In 1948, Pechan was nominated and elected by both parties to the State Senate. He was reelected again and again, even after his district underwent reapportionment. In 1955, he was chosen Republican Whip, a post he held until his death.

One of Pechan's earliest causes was fluoridated drinking water. Ford City was the first Pennsylvania town to add fluoride to its water. During his eighteen years as chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare, Pechan sought to extend the practice throughout the commonwealth.

The year before his first election to the Senate, Pechan was elected a trustee of Indiana State Teachers College. In the fifties, in concert with State Representative William Buchanan, he was instrumental in gaining removal of the word "Teachers" from the name of Indiana and the thirteen other state colleges. He then turned his attention to university status, and in December 1965, Indiana State College was renamed Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Years after its construction, the first residence hall on IUP's Armstrong Campus was named in Pechan's memory. In May 1969, in recognition of the senator's service to the university and to the health and welfare of Pennsylvanians, Pechan Health Center was dedicated on the main campus. A few months later, Pechan died unexpectedly. The health center was recently razed.

At a campus memorial service, history professor John Sahli paid this tribute: "Senator Albert R. Pechan complements the rugged hills, green forests and farmlands, and the somber, mill-studded rambling river valley, where on every side, opportunity has waited, still stands, and ever will be for any man, regardless of his minority background."

A few years after **Hope Stewart** was born in Armagh in 1872, her mother's brother, Silas Clark, was elected as second president of the Indiana Normal School Board of Trustees. (Clark Hall would later be named in his memory.) Stewart went to high school in Indiana and then on to the normal school, from which she graduated in 1893.



Stewart taught for a year in Cherry Tree and then four years in Indiana. Starting in 1898 and for the next twenty-two years, she was a supervising teacher and critic teacher in the normal school's training facility in Wilson Hall.

In 1920, Stewart became the school's dean of women and continued in that post until 1938. For a woman born and reared in the nineteenth century, monitoring the behavior of young women from a variety of social strata in an era of societal change cannot have been easy.

She is remembered as stern, almost a caricature of unbending rectitude. This reminiscence appeared in the 1975 *Centennial Scrapbook*: "Miss Hope Stewart

was the dominant person in the school, which had hundreds of female students and a handful of males. Sharkey's, a little store across from the main gate [now the site of Pizza House], was off limits for all girls. (Men gathered there, and Miss Stewart was taking no chances with her girls' reputations.)"

Stewart died in 1949. Fourteen years later, Stewart Hall was dedicated, along with Mack and Turnbull, as the Tri-Halls. The site is now occupied by the Suites on Maple.



Until Chad Hurley '99 and a partner developed and launched YouTube in 2005, **Agnes Sligh Turnbull** '10 was probably IUP's best-known graduate. She was, in the parlance of the times, an "authoress," who over six decades published popular novels, stories, and books for children.

Much of Turnbull's work is set in Western Pennsylvania—she was born in 1888 in New Alexandria. After graduating from the normal school, she attended the University of Chicago and started a career as a high school English teacher. In 1918, she married; because, at the time, few married women could be teachers, she began to write stories, publishing the first



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one in *The American Magazine* in 1920.

Although she lived in Maplewood, N.J., from 1922 until her death, Turnbull made periodic visits to Indiana, often with her sister, Janet, also an alumna. In the late fifties, her gift to the Indiana State Teachers College library, located in Wilson Hall, was the first in a \$25,000 library campaign to acquire 60,000 volumes. (The IUP Libraries currently hold more than 800,000 volumes.)

Turnbull died in 1982 and was buried in New Alexandria. Nearly twenty years before her death, the college had named a hall in her honor. Today, the Suites on Grant and the Suites on Maple West occupy the site.

Corinne Menk Wahr arrived at the normal school from Swissvale and graduated in 1916. She taught in public schools in Munhall for well over a decade before marrying Harry Wahr, one-time president of Mesta Machine Company in West Homestead. The company manufactured some of the largest compound engines in the country and, in 1959, long past Harry Wahr's time, hosted a visit by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Only two months after the couple's 1930 marriage, Harry Wahr died. His widow lived on until late 1948. When her will was filed for probate in early 1949, it was disclosed that \$125,000 had been left to Indiana State Teachers College to help "worthy students." In today's dollars, the bequest would easily exceed \$1 million.

The impact of Wahr's benevolence has been enormous. In 1957-58, for example, nearly half the scholarships ISTC awarded were through the Corinne Menk Wahr Scholarship Fund. In sixty years, thousands of students have benefited.

To honor Wahr's memory, a 150-bed dormitory named Corinne Menk Wahr Hall was dedicated in 1960. It stood on the current site of Delaney Hall until it was demolished in 2006.



Corinne Menk Wahr



Florence Wallace

Born in 1893, **Florence Wallace** was the daughter of an Indiana merchant and lived much of her life along Oakland Avenue. Her attitudes and experiences, however, were far from provincial. She attended the Model School and took college preparatory courses on the normal school campus, then earned an A.B. degree from Wellesley and an M.A. from Columbia. She did advanced work at the University of Pittsburgh, New York University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of New Hampshire.

At first, Wallace taught high school history in Franklin, Pa., and Indiana, but for three decades, starting in 1938, she was a member of the Social Studies (later History) Department faculty at what became Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She traveled all over the world, sharing her firsthand experiences with students in her classroom and those she advised in the International Relations Club.

Wallace was active in the Collegiate Council for the United Nations, and in 1954 was able to attract the national organization to the ISTC campus for a meeting. The featured speaker, according to the *Indiana Evening Gazette*, was former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Wallace was also a charter member and first president of the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Wallace died in 1980. Seven years earlier, Florence Wallace Hall had been named in her honor. Like Esch Hall, Wallace Hall housed students for the last time in Spring 2008. Within days of the semester's end, demolition began. 🍷

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● **THIRSTY:** ISTC students (probably members of the *Oak* staff) lined up to illustrate a yearbook ad for the Clymer Water Service Company in 1954. The water office was across the street from Gatti's Drug Store and Stewart's Hardware, on the current site of the Indiana County Courthouse. Can you identify the eager drinkers? If you have photographs, scrapbooks, or memorabilia you would like to donate, contact Harrison Wick at the University Archives in Stapleton Library at 724-357-3039 or hwick@iup.edu.

Center Stage



In mid-September, the university celebrated the opening of the **IUP Performing Arts Center** with a ceremony and musical performances. The \$12-million project took two years to complete and brought together Fisher and Waller halls with a 20,000-square-foot addition. Included are a dramatic, two-story grand lobby, ticket office, concession/ merchandise stand, lounge areas, and an art gallery in the Fisher balcony area (formerly accessible only by stairways).

● With renovation, Fisher Auditorium now has 1,460 seats, down from 1,600, but affording audience members increased legroom and comfort. For the first time, the entire facility is air conditioned, and a new sound system was added at a cost of \$300,000. The whole IUP Performing Arts Center is accessible by wheelchair, but those on foot in icy weather will be grateful for the addition of heat to Waller Hall's granite steps.

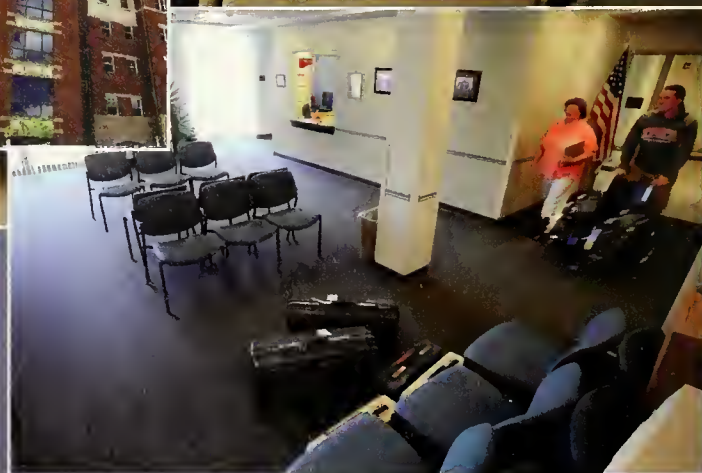
Right: What Fine Arts Director of Public Events Hank Knerr calls "a million-dollar view" is available from the second-floor balcony of the IUP Performing Arts Center addition. The Art Deco embellishments echo decorative features incorporated in Fisher Auditorium during its construction in the late thirties. Bob Chesarek, the man on the balcony, works for Gateway Kitchens and did much of the steel trim work.



ARITH BOYER

In One Place

At the corner of Maple Street and Pratt Drive, beneath the distinctive clock tower of the Suites on Maple East, the **Center for Health and Well-Being** is a facility like never before. Included in one place are the Health Service (formerly Pechan Health Center), Counseling Center (formerly Center for Counseling and Psychological Services), Health Awareness, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs, and Nutrition Connection. Although each retains its identity within the cluster, together these entities provide all kinds of services to the campus community: health services, individual and group counseling, nutrition counseling, smoking cessation, and outreach and education. The new facility even has a library with health education resources and a speakers' bureau staffed with students who share information with other students.



Top: In an examination room in the Health Service, Registered Nurse Debbie Armstrong, left, and Nurse Practitioner Nancy Mantini prepare equipment. Right: Before students arrived in late summer, sophomore Tim Barnes helped Registered Nurse Kim Kucinski set up the Health Service waiting room.

KEITH EDYER

Breaking New Ground

This fall, IUP and the community scheduled a formal groundbreaking for the **Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex** along Wayne Avenue. The event is regarded as a landmark moment for the university, the Indiana community, and the region. It also is only one of several major recent developments connected with the facility.

PNC Foundation, Pittsburgh, made a \$300,000 pledge in support of the KCAC. The donation will be used in constructing the 150,000-square-foot facility that will include an arena, Athletics Department administration offices, the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security offices, and state-of-the-art conference facilities.

In announcing the pledge, PNC Bank Pittsburgh Regional President Sylvan Holzer said, "The Kovalchick Complex will provide an important amenity for both the university and surrounding area. It represents an investment by the university which, through the strength of its academic programs, already serves as an engine for regional growth and development."

At its September meeting, the IUP Council of Trustees recognized the PNC gift and designated the KCAC's first-floor conference room as the PNC Conference Room.

The KCAC is projected to have a \$22-million economic impact on the region during construction, which is expected to continue into the spring of 2011, and an annual economic impact of \$12.5 million each year of operation.

During the summer, the Foundation for IUP and the university announced the selection of the Horizon Team to develop the hotel property connected with the facility. The Horizon Team represents Horizon Properties Group LLC and Summit Development Consulting Corporation.

Horizon and Summit are based in Canonsburg. Their most recent hotel development projects include the Hilton Hampton Inn & Suites projects in Blairsville and Washington, Pa., and Hilton Homewood Suites and Cambria Suites by Choice Hotels projects at Southpointe II in Canonsburg.

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A. The hotel that adjoins the main KCAC facility is due for completion in March 2011. It will be owned by the Foundation for IUP, a nonprofit organization.

B. A walkway in front of the hotel will have a footbridge that crosses a small creek between the KCAC and Wayne Avenue.

C. This will be the view from Hospital Drive, looking toward Pratt Drive (which curves off to the right in the distance). The main facility is on the right and the hotel on the left.



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mentors

Computer Science faculty member **William Oblitey** will go to Ghana next year on a Fulbright Scholarship. He will work at Kwame Nkrumah Institute of Science and Technology, helping the institute to build a computer science program and to incorporate information assurance and computer security into the curriculum. As director of the Institute for Information Assurance at IUP, Oblitey has been instrumental in establishing partnerships between the university and several community colleges and some four-year colleges. An IUP faculty member since 1984, Oblitey has been involved in IBM University since 1998 and has taught courses on the IBM System 390 mainframe.

A music education classroom in the recently renovated Cogswell Hall now bears the name of **Olive Fornear**, who taught for seventeen years in the Department of Music until her retirement in 1974. An alumna of Indiana State

Teachers College in the Class of 1933, Fornear was awarded the President's Medal of Distinction in 2003 for her outstanding dedication as a teacher and for her longstanding devotion to the Department of Music. Support from family members, friends, and colleagues made possible the classroom naming, which was approved at the September meeting of the IUP Council of Trustees.

Playwright **Ed Simpson** taught at IUP from 1980 to 2006, when he retired and moved to North Carolina. Now he has accepted a post as professor of theater and chair of the Department of Performing Arts at High Point University. According to the university's media relations coordinator, "At High Point University, every student receives an extraordinary education in a fun environment with caring people." There are 3,400 undergraduate and graduate students at campuses in High Point and Winston-Salem.

William Oblitey



KEITH BOYER



Fulbright Faculty Scholarship

Awarded to Computer Science Department faculty member William Oblitey for work in Ghana during the 2009-2010 academic year

Appointed to the State System Board of Governors

IUP Student Government Association President Jessica Carson, a Sociology major from Quarryville

Accolade

For the eighth consecutive year, IUP selected for inclusion in a Princeton Review "Best" Guidebook, appearing in *Best 368 Colleges*, 2009 edition

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE



The Gift of a Lifetime CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

What might an investment professional and Indiana University of Pennsylvania have in common? Turns out that the common ground is his mother.

When Fifth Third Bank Senior Vice President Don Green read about the Charitable Gift Annuity and thought through its mechanics, he decided that it might be the perfect giving strategy for him. Among Don's many charitable interests is the Isabella Wilkinson-Green and Kathryn Cepull-Woleslagle

Scholarship, a scholarship funded in memory of his mother and his mother's dear friend Kathryn.

Don's mother was a 1927 graduate of Indiana Normal School, and Mrs. Woleslagle, to whom Don affectionately refers as his "aunt," was a graduate as well. The fund was established to provide scholarship assistance to students with good academic standing who are also engaged in community service. In particular, the fund

seeks to reward students who volunteer with the elderly and/or care for homeless or abused animals. "I feel that anyone who is the recipient of such an award should give something back to society," said Green. According to Lynn Barger, associate vice president for Development, "Mr. Green's generosity will enable many students for years to come to benefit from the scholarship fund. His gift is one that truly keeps on giving."

At a recent luncheon, Green-Woleslagle Scholarship recipient Allison Shumar, a sophomore English major from Mount Pleasant, told Don "This scholarship has definitely helped me a lot. I know things would have been really hard without it. Your family's generosity means a great deal to me."

The Foundation for IUP is grateful to Don for being the first to respond to its recent announcement of the availability of Charitable Gift Annuities, a new initiative of the Foundation. His dedication to family and commitment to positively impacting the lives of future students is an example he hopes will be emulated by many others. Benefitting current donors and the Foundation, the gift annuity is truly a gift of a lifetime.



Allison Shumar

THE FOUNDATION FOR INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY PROGRAM

What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between a donor(s) and the Foundation. It is backed by the assets of the Foundation. The giving strategy is a time-tested and popular method of making a planned gift. The first gift annuity issued in the United States occurred in the early 1920s.

How Does the Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuity Program Work?

- One or two donors may contribute a minimum of \$25,000.
- Each donor must be 62 years of age or older.
- A prescribed calculation that uses the age of the donor(s), the amount of the gift, and other required factors determines the amount of annual income and the available charitable income tax deduction.
- The Foundation, a member of the American Council on Charitable Gift Annuities, uses the council's approved rate gift annuity rates.

- Example rates for individuals ages 62 to 85 currently range from 5.6 percent to 8.9 percent.

What Are Its Distinguishing Features?

- Donors funding a gift annuity receive an income for life, become eligible for a charitable income tax deduction, and make a gift that benefits Indiana University of Pennsylvania both now and in the future.
- The gift annuity is not a form of commercial insurance, nor is it an investment. Instead, it is a powerful way to make a meaningful charitable gift.

Official registration and financial information for the Foundation for Indiana University of Pennsylvania may be obtained from www.iup.edu. Each state controls the issue of charitable gift annuities; therefore, the Foundation may not be able to issue gift annuities in all states. For more information and to request a gift illustration that shows charitable gift annuity benefits, please contact the Foundation for IUP at 724-357-3184.



By Bob Fulton

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER

Jahzinga Tracey would rather gargle with thumbtacks than talk about what she's achieved on the basketball court.

Steer the conversation to last season's All-America honor, her numerous conference awards, her impending school scoring record, and IUP's 6-foot-1 senior guard/forward squirms like a perp in a police interrogation room.

"I've just never been a player to worry about individual stuff," she says. "Winning is the only thing on my mind. I don't think about stats."

Which is why Tracey clams up when asked about her numbers. No amount of coaxing will get her to talk. Fortunately, Tracey's numbers speak for her, eloquently. Consider:

► She has scored 1,492 points, the second-highest total in school history, and needs only 231 more to vault past Cathy Torchia as IUP's all-time leader.

► Tracey holds single-season school records for points (612), field goals (262), and steals (107), and equaled an IUP single-game standard with ten steals against East Stroudsburg on January 6.

► She ranks third on the IUP career list in points per game (16.0) and steals (279), fifth in rebound average (8.5), seventh in rebounds (786), and ninth in field goal percentage (.500).

► Last season, as further evidence of her versatility, Tracey finished in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference top ten in scoring (19.0), rebounds (9.0), steals (3.34), field goal percentage (.524), even blocked shots (1.0).

"What's impressive is she has the ability to play inside and outside. She can shoot from the perimeter, but she can also drive it and post up some—she's just such a handful to guard," says first-year IUP coach Jeff Dow, whose Anderson (S.C.) team joined the Crimson Hawks in the NCAA Division II East Regional each of the last two years. "She's obviously a great rebounder, too, she's one of our best defenders, she led the team last year in steals, she can pass—there's a lot to her game."

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association took note last season and accorded Tracey one of ten spots on its Division II All-America team.

"I predicted that," says Haywood Boston, Tracey's coach at Hoover High School in Des Moines, Iowa. "When she first got recruited to IUP, I told the coaches, 'She's a dark horse. She's a late bloomer. She's going to develop. Once she gets acclimated, that girl's going to be tough.'"

Once she gets acclimated being the key phrase. Tracey hardly made a grand first impression at IUP. The kid who was, as Boston recalls, "shy and reserved, eyes to the ground" when he first met her played the quintessential wallflower during her redshirt season, barely speaking, content to blend into the background.

"You didn't notice her in the gym. She kind of kept to herself," recalls IUP assistant coach Courtney Rattigan, who was then a senior center. "As a player it almost seemed like she was embarrassed. She didn't want to do anything that would attract attention to herself. Then I came back last year and it's

like night and day. She's this All-American who completely takes over in games."

Former IUP head coach Cindy Martin spurred Tracey's transformation from rough-around-the-edges phenom to polished gem. She worked to instill confidence in a youngster gripped by self-doubt and convinced Tracey she could become an elite player. The one-time wallflower blossomed.

"When I first came there I told her that she would leave IUP as an All-American if she truly committed herself," says Martin, now the head coach at Youngstown State. "The coaches and the team challenged her in every way possible. But she gets all the credit for stepping up and rising to the challenge."

Tracey earned PSAC West Rookie of the Year honors as a freshman and was named the Player of the Year as a sophomore. Last season she landed on the WBCA All-America team, her candidacy bolstered by a series of spectacular performances. She posted a triple-double—twenty-one points, fifteen rebounds, ten steals—in a victory at East Stroudsburg; poured in thirty-six points, only two shy of Cindy Davies' 1985 school record, against Shippensburg; exploded for twenty-three second-half points to spark IUP's thrilling come-from-behind win at Edinboro; and contributed twenty-five points and sixteen rebounds as the Crimson Hawks buried West Chester in the PSAC semifinals.

IUP captured a second consecutive conference crown the next night with its school-record twenty-seventh victory. But the Crimson Hawks' dream season ended with an upset loss to Mount Olive (N.C.) in an opening-round NCAA tournament game at Memorial Field House, a setback that still rankles Tracey.

"I mean, don't get me wrong, I think

we had a great year," she says. "But I think it could have been even better. In a way, I felt we kind of took a step back, because the year before we made it further than that—we were only one step away from the Elite Eight. Last season we got knocked out in the first round. To get where we wanted to be, to host regionals, and then to have to sit there and watch another team cut down our nets, it really hurt. So that's our motivation for this season right there. We want to win a national championship. And I think it's pretty much doable."

The Crimson Hawks, who return all thirteen players from last year's powerhouse, should soar with Tracey leading the way. Count on her to run the floor like a gazelle, thread passes through traffic to open teammates, crash the boards, torment opposing ball handlers, and, of course, add to her point total. Torchia's record is in her cross hairs, not that Tracey has given it much thought.

The only numbers she ever tracks are the ones on the scoreboard.

"Some players at this point in their career would probably have a calendar and be figuring out, OK, it's going to be this game if I'm averaging this much. She will have no idea," Rattigan says.

"And when it happens, she won't want the game stopped, she won't want

a presentation. She'll just want to keep playing. The most important thing to her will be if we won the game. If we won the game, then it will be a good night, regardless if she broke the scoring record."

When Tracey does pass Torchia and the hosannas rain down on her like candy from a piñata, she'll likely revert to the shy kid from Hoover who kept her gaze fixed on the floor.

For even when she reaches that pinnacle of individual achievement, Jahzinga Tracey would more willingly gargle with thumbtacks than acknowledge it. 🐼



Cathy Torchia, 1989-19931,722
Jahzinga Tracey, 2005-1,492
Jan Lightcap, 1987-19911,371
Terri Piatak, 1977-19811,347
Leah Simmons, 1988-19921,342
Sarah Zdesar, 1999-20031,339
Sue Brecko, 1983-19871,299
Sherri Leysock, 1987-19911,277
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Theresa Kabala, 1995-1999	...1,223



name droppers

By Mike Hoffman

IUP held its thirteenth annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony in September at the Indiana Country Club and recognized nine athletes and coaches from its illustrious history. Following is the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2008.

Trevor Hadley '37 played tennis for four years and served as tennis coach while also holding down posts of professor, dean, and vice president at IUP. The Hadley Union Building (HUB) on campus was named in his honor.

Billy Hoffman '60 played both offense and defense and also returned punts and kickoffs as a member of the football team, starting at quarterback and earning all-conference honors. On the baseball field, he helped IUP reach the College World Series in Sioux City, Iowa.

Len Pesotini '76 led the nation and set a school record that still stands with seventy-four receptions his senior year while accounting for 1,088 yards. He was selected to the NAIA All-America team and was on the *New York Times* All-East squad.

Sam Scott '82 and teammate **Jeff Brown '82** are two of the top basketball players in school history. Scott ranks sixth in career scoring with 1,369 points, two spots ahead of Brown, who finished with 1,361. Scott also places fourth in career rebounds with 736, while Brown was selected to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II All-East Region team.

Ben Witter '85 was a three-time honorable mention All-American in golf and won the Division II long drive championship. He is now a teaching professional and a world-renowned trick shot artist.

Beth Blaisdell '88 is one of the top pitchers in IUP softball history. She won forty-three games in her career, including a no-hitter, and had an ERA of 1.29.

Jeff Neral '90 won the Division II national championship in the javelin his senior year after earning spots on the All-America team as both a sophomore and junior. His school record in the javelin stood for ten years.

Cathy Torchia Suman '93 holds the school record for most points in a career for any IUP basketball

player, man or woman, with 1,722 and was the 1990 PSAC West Rookie of the Year.

Receiving this year's honorary award was **Jim Laughlin '51**, who initiated the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame and continues to support the athletic program by tutoring and mentoring student-athletes.

While the Hall of Fame recognizes the past, IUP also looked to the future over the summer with the hiring of two new head coaches. **Jeff Dow** takes over the women's basketball program from Cindy Martin, who left in April for Youngstown State. Dow led the Anderson (S.C.) women's team to three straight NCAA tournament appearances and a record of 79-17. Lacrosse coach **Mindy Richmond** was one of the top Division II lacrosse players in the nation while at Gannon and then spent two years as an assistant coach with the Golden Knights. She is the all-time leader at Gannon with 219 goals.

In an Olympic year, IUP made a timely hire with the appointment of **Michelle Burgher** as an assistant track and field

coach. Burgher was a 400-meter runner on the Jamaican national team and earned medals in the 4x400 meter relay at the 2000 (silver) and 2004 (bronze) Games.

Burgher isn't IUP's only tie to the Olympics. **John Wingfield '85, M'88** was the head coach of the U.S. diving team this year at Beijing. Wingfield holds three degrees from IUP, including two bachelor's degrees and a Master of Science in Sports Science.

Sean Strauman '08 and **Ryan Mostyn** were both named recipients of the PSAC Top 10 award in the spring for combined academic and athletic excellence. Strauman graduated with a 3.58 grade-point average as an Accounting major and is studying for an MBA. He won the 800-meter title at the NCAA track and field championships in May and was named the PSAC Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year. Mostyn is entering his senior season as a member of the IUP baseball team and currently holds a 3.92 GPA while majoring in Business Management.

The IUP athletic community was saddened with the August passing of **Bob Taylor**. Taylor was

Ben Witter

Beth Blaisdell

Cathy Torchia Suman

Jim Laughlin

Len Pesotini

Trevor Hadley



a fixture inside Memorial Field House as a member of the athletic staff, not retiring until the age of 84, making him the oldest working state employee in Pennsylvania at the time. A World War II veteran who spent much of his working life in sales, Taylor was a loyal fan of IUP athletics and frequently traveled with the football and baseball teams.

Tony Coccagna '85 was named as the 2008 recipient of the PSAC George Heaslip Media Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the media for meritorious service in covering the conference. Coccagna has been the sports editor for The *Indiana Gazette* for the past fifteen years and has been with the newspaper for twenty-four years overall, starting as an intern in 1984.

After graduating from IUP and working in the university's athletic department, **Pat Burns '81, M'82** left Pennsylvania and had been at UMass Boston for twenty years in several posts in that school's athletic department, including senior associate director of athletics for business operations. In July, Burns, a native of Pittsburgh, became athletic director at Mansfield (Mass.) High School in the town where he lives.

Also coming home is Saint Francis head volleyball coach

Chuck Mullen '02. Mullen had been the head coach at Division II Coker for the past four years and was the Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2007. Mullen was an assistant coach at IUP under **Carmine Cortazzo '70** from 1998-2003 and was on the staff when the team won thirty-three matches and the PSAC title in 2002.

Continuing in the coaching ranks, **Mark Anderson '90** has been appointed head women's golf coach at the University of Pennsylvania. Anderson had been the head professional at Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville, Pa. He played golf for three years at IUP and was a member of the team that qualified for the NCAA championships his senior season.

Some people play, some coach, and others officiate. Such is the case with **Chuck Rice '86**. Rice was a linebacker for four years at IUP before taking a hiatus from the game. At the urging of a friend, he began officiating in 1996 and has worked his way up from Pop Warner games to one of forty-two full-time officials employed by the Big East Conference.

In a previous Namedroppers column, we brought you the story of **Chad Ruffner '71**, who was still following his football dreams as a member of the semi-professional

Western Pennsylvania Warhawks of the United States Football Alliance. Ruffner, a 2001 inductee into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame, announced his retirement in August from the Warhawks at the age of 60, making it through his final season injury free. A photo of him appears in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Another former IUP football player saw his professional career continue in August. Wide receiver **Carmelo Ocasio '03**, who ranks second in the IUP receiving record book in career receptions (165), yards (2,891), and touchdowns (34), re-signed with the Reading Express of the American Indoor Football Association. Ocasio is in his

fourth season with the Express after contemplating retirement during the offseason.

Kerry Green '78 will attempt to make a unique niche for himself in the world of distance running in 2010. A member of the cross country and track and field teams at IUP, Green has broken the three-hour mark in the Boston Marathon in each of the past four decades. No runner has ever accomplished that feat in five decades, something he hopes to change in two years. In all, Green, an exercise physiologist and assistant director at MedCentral/Mansfield Hospital in Ohio, has completed the prestigious race seventeen times. 🐾

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change in him or herself in order to become the evangelist, model, and driver for change. The first step in the process is just what Mr. Macedonia so eloquently and profoundly described as "shattering a basic belief."

Wow, such great reading for a Saturday morning. I am sure the Organizational Development Network or other professional associations in the change field would find his story interesting and useful as a conference speaker. He could join that circuit and bandwagon now that he is retired. The examples of CEOs who understand deep change are very, very few, which is obvious from the condition of our business sector and, unfortunately, our national employment prospects for the near future.

Brett Barndt '83
New York, N.Y.

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embrace change," she said. "I felt the progress that we were accomplishing was worth the loss."

Having visited other State System schools, Delaney knew students were beginning to demand a different style of housing, and staying behind the curve would hinder IUP's recruitment efforts. The expense of bringing older buildings up to today's standards also steered the decision, she said.

"I would like to think that the people for whom those buildings were named would understand—as I will," said Delaney, recognizing that, by the time her grandchildren are her age, components of the Residential Revival may be cleared for a new crop of residence halls.

Regardless, her family's pride over the naming of Susan Snell Delaney Hall will remain, she said. "You can't take that honor away." 🐾

Sam Scott

Jeff Brown

Billy Hoffman



all about alumni

There are many ways for IUP alumni to stay connected with the university—up close and personal or on line.

● INSET: John Kostas at the time of his NCAA tournament appearance

(Editor's note: The story that follows appeared in the Marine Corps News on June 20, 2008. It is reprinted with permission.)



Barry Reeser

The Ability to Take a Punch

By Lance Corporal Monty Burton

WASHINGTON—Tucked away in a Pennsylvania mountain range lives a man whose grey, slicked-back hair is not nearly as colorful as his boxing life.

Johnny Kostas has crossed paths with champion fighters—Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis to name the greatest. He has served his country during war. He is a former Marine drill instructor. And at 86, he is the world's oldest active boxing coach.

As a young corporal in 1943, Kostas had just reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., when he heard a sound that changed his life forever. "I thought it was a machine gun," said Kostas.

The sound rattled from a gym: a boxer practicing on a speed bag. "I had boxed a little bit my first year in college, all through boot camp and during my time as a drill instructor," he said.

Kostas said when he walked in, he noticed a Marine who he had fought against during boot camp. "He told the coach that I was pretty good, so they asked me to join the Cherry Point boxing team," he said.

Six decades and four sports hall-of-fame inductions later, the former Marine from Ambridge, Pa., is still involved in the sport as a coach, trainer, and member of his own boxing club.

Born in 1921 in Mobile, Ala.,

Kostas joined the Marines in 1943 after leaving during his sophomore year at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. "I was originally in the Navy reserves, but my older brother told me the Marines were the biggest and baddest boys around, so I joined," he remarked.

His first year fighting on the team, he helped the Cherry Point Marines through a season without losing any interservice bouts. During his time as a fighter on the Cherry Point team, Kostas fought three professional fighters including Marty Servo, who went on to be the welterweight champion of the world.

Eight months after joining the

team as a fighter, head coach Johnny Abood, who was nearing the end of his enlistment, passed the reins to Kostas. "I couldn't believe that he would make me the head coach," he said. "He knew I loved boxing and I was extremely passionate about it, but I couldn't believe I was succeeding him. If it hadn't been for Johnny, I wouldn't know half as much as I know now."

During his first year as head coach at Cherry Point, Kostas posted another near flawless record and sent multiple fighters to the national boxing tournament in Boston. But before Boston, Kostas wanted all his fighters to represent the

Marine Corps instead of their hometowns. This idea affected the All-Marine boxing team, which garnered sky-high attention from the 18th commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. A.A. Vandergrift, who supported the program, telling the Marines to “go to Boston and bring home the championship.”

Kostas told the commandant he had nothing to worry about.

In Boston, the Marines won the team national championship and also had two other Marines bring home individual titles. Kostas’s success solidified an opportunity to spend a weekend with world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. “I talked to Joe before we left,” said Kostas. “He said, ‘I heard you’re going to Boston for the nationals. Do good there, and when you come back, I will have you as a guest at my home.’”

As the Cherry Point Marines were traveling back to North Carolina, their plane made a detour. Louis had arranged for Kostas to be dropped off in New Jersey to spend the weekend at his Lake Flats home.

That weekend, Louis referred to Kostas as the best boxing coach in the Marine Corps. “I felt honored to be in his presence,” he said. “When we

came back they rolled out the red carpet for us, literally.”

After that 1946 boxing season, Kostas was discharged from the Marine Corps as a corporal and returned to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He rejoined the boxing team and posted thirty-nine wins, three losses, and one draw. Never was he knocked out.

Kostas said his most memorable fight was during an NCAA tournament. “We had to drive four days to Wisconsin for the nationals,” Kostas chuckles. “When we got there, we found out that there were tickets for us to fly there.”

His tournament appearance made history for his alma mater. “I was the first and last person in IUP boxing history to reach the NCAA tournament,” the former welterweight fighter said.

Kostas lost. His fight in the national tournament came down to a judges’ decision. “I feel like I beat the hell out of that guy, but they gave him the fight,” he said. “I lost the first and last fight of my fighting career, so it’s kind of sentimental.”

After graduating in 1949, Kostas went on to coach football while still boxing about once a month. Throughout the next few decades, he stayed

involved in boxing but was very focused on accomplishing other endeavors, such as running a children’s summer camp at his ranch and owning the Capitol Restaurant.

“Muhammad Ali and his team came to visit the ranch I owned,” he said. “He wanted to buy 100 acres to build a new training facility, but I only had 83 acres so the deal didn’t go through.”

He went back to coach at IUP in 1981. Through the next five years he coached Golden Gloves heavyweight Leland Hardy, who went on to make the Los Angeles Olympic trials team and fight internationally.

In the fall of 2004, another former Marine, Rick Fanella, contacted the octogenarian Kostas about getting boxing lessons for his son. “I contacted him after I was referred to him by the athletic officials at IUP,” said Fanella, who eventually convinced Kostas to establish the IUP/Kostas Boxing Club.

Fanella would be Kostas’s assistant coach. The two built a boxing gym in Kostas’s basement, the walls adorned with pictures and news clippings of World War II-era boxers.

Fanella said Kostas is a dedicated, all-around, true-blue person: “When you see him

interact with the boys, he shows so much compassion and dedication, even at 86 years old. There have been times when I have seen him get into the ring and hit somebody with a left hook to show them he knows what he is talking about.”

Kostas plans to hand the boxing club over to Fanella. “I taught Rick everything I know, just like Johnny Abood taught me,” said Kostas.

Through his sixty-five years in boxing, Kostas has preached one philosophy: “You can teach a fighter how to throw a punch and balance his body weight. But there are three things you can’t teach a guy: guts, reflexes, and the ability to take a punch.” Throughout his career, Kostas has been inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame, Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Hall of Fame, Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame, and the Ambridge Boxing Hall of Fame.

He said *Guinness Book of World Records* plans to induct him as the oldest active boxing coach. “When they called, I asked them how old the current record holder was. When they told me he was 81, I said, ‘Man, that guy is still young.’”

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●1940s

Edna Folcik Tylinski ’41 was inducted in 2006 into the Ford City (Pa.) Area Hall of Fame. Except for her college years at IUP and five years early in her teaching career, her whole life has been spent in Ford City. When she retired in 1991, she was one of only three Pennsylvania teachers to have achieved fifty years of service in the public schools.

●1950s

Jane Weisel ’56 lives in a retirement home in Myerstown, Pa. Her husband, Ernest, died in 2006.

●1960s

University of Kansas faculty member **Bernie Kish ’60** was pleased to be the presenter of a prestigious award to fellow IUP alumnus **Chad Touchberry ’00**,

who won the Dr. Wayne Osness Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in the Department of Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences. Bernie is a lecturer on the Sport Management faculty at Kansas. A photo of Bernie and Chad is in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

For 2007-2008, Floridian **Ken Rometo ’62** was named Most Outstanding Faculty Professor in the College of Education, Graduate School, at Argosy

University’s Sarasota Campus.

Retired since 2005 as a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Chestnut Ridge School District, **Richard Fisher ’64, M’72** served for a quarter-century on the PIAA State Athletic Directors Steering Committee and for more than two decades on the PIAA State Track and Field Steering Committee. In 2003, he was elected to a two-year term on the PIAA Board of Directors,

representing more than six hundred junior high/middle schools across the state. Four years later, Chestnut Ridge named its high school gymnasium in his honor. He and his wife, Linda, live in Fishertown. A photo appears in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

In June, **Donald Mash '64** retired after four decades in higher education. For the past three years, he had been executive senior vice president of the University of Wisconsin System. Prior to that, he was chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and had previously served for a decade as president of Wayne State College in Nebraska. An accomplished fundraiser, he led UW-Eau Claire's first-ever comprehensive campaign, which eventually resulted in gifts of more than \$50 million.

Patricia Orendorff Smith '64 published an inspirational cancer survivor piece in the book *In Their Own Words*, which was featured in a July edition of Glenn Beck's Real Story segment on CNN Headline News. That same month, she published a poem in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and also had two poems and an article in *The Path*.

Retired elementary teacher **Erma Berenbrok Stiffler '64** was certified last winter as a pastoral counselor by the International Board of Christian Counselors, based in Forest, Va. She lives in Blairsville.

Joe Wehrle, Jr. '64 was the subject of a four-part interview on the Midnight Fiction website (www.midnightfiction.com/about/wehrle1.htm) early this year. He has also compiled a hundred-page book that showcases thirty years of his art, ranging from the simplest cartoons to the most detailed portraits and illustrations.

A retired principal, **Ron Yuvan '65** lives in Greensburg and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Mary Helen Turner Smail '66 has published *More, Please! Delicious Recipes for the Child in Everyone*. The author believes family mealtimes must be preserved for the good of the family and society as a whole and hopes recipes like these will help. She writes under the name Mary Helen Turner and lives in Southern California with feline friends Lucy and Desi. Her book, under the Xulon imprint, is available on the Amazon, Borders, Barnes and Noble, and Target websites and in bookstores nationwide.

Remember when **Judy Pampey Woffington '67** was IUP's female Indian mascot? Since then, she has taught at North Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh (taking one of the area's first, year-long, maternity leaves), served as a substitute teacher, and joined the faculty of North Hills High School, where she was a finalist for Pennsylvania's Teacher Excellence Award three times in the nineties. In 1993, she founded and sponsored the Junior High French Club and throughout the years organized annual student trips to Europe. Although she retired in 2006, she and her husband, John, are so active that *Whirl* magazine featured them as one of the "Couples Who Make a Difference." (The Woffingtons are currently chairing the Easter Seals Cotillion, to be held in March.) Judy helps their son Matt coach tennis at North Hills, while John is head men's coach at North Allegheny. A second son, Jay, lives in Cincinnati and has two children. Judy and John live in Mars.

Merry Markovina Jones '68 retired in July after thirty-eight years as a speech/language pathologist serving the communication needs of preschoolers through geriatrics in varied settings, including acute hospital and

rehabilitation, university clinic, public health, home health, public school, and private practice. She will continue to serve on the board for the mid-state chapter of the ARC of Delaware and as a coach for the Kent Crusaders, an adult Special Olympics sports team in her area.

Linda Keener M'69 has returned to Virginia Beach after spending several years in Pennsylvania, where she helped her parents. She is pianist at Unity Church of Tidewater, a volunteer at the Association for Research and Enlightenment, and president of Gamma Zeta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Linda taught at the elementary level for seventeen years.

Formerly Bristol-Myers Squibb Company vice president and deputy general counsel, **Linda Sidor Willett '69** has joined as a partner the firm of Sedgwick, Detert, Moran, & Arnold in its New York office. A photo and more information appear in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

●1970s

Bill O'Bruba D'71 is enjoying retirement after teaching more than thirty-eight years at three different universities. He was one of the first two individuals to receive doctorates from IUP in a program that began in 1968. "That was a long time ago and a different world!" he said.

Gloria DeGaetano '72 is founder and CEO of the Parent Coaching Institute. Each institute graduate is a PCI-certified parent coach; the graduate-level certification program is in collaboration with Seattle Pacific University.

When heard from last summer, **John Ceraso M'73** and **Paulette Ceraso M'93** had five grandchildren and one more on the way. The Cerasos are both retired and live in Vandergrift.

Erroneous information

reported to IUP resulted in an appearance of a name in the Deaths section of the Summer issue that definitely should not have been there. *IUP Magazine* is delighted to report that retired educator **Darlene Malecki Krynicki '73** is alive, well, and living in Pittsburgh.

The current Nominating Committee chairperson for the American Dietetic Association, **Sylvia Escott-Stump '74, M'80**, was scheduled to present the Lenna Frances Cooper Lecture at the association's annual meeting in Chicago in October. She is the author of two main textbooks for the dietetics profession that are used all over the world and also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the IUP Alumni Association ten years ago.

John Stoddard '74 is a vice president in the Stamford, Conn., office of Jones Lang LaSalle, which recently closed on the purchase of the Staubach Company (founded by Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach). As a broker and former certified appraiser, John has almost three decades of commercial real estate experience.

In cooperation with music faculty member Christian Dickinson, **Dennis Cramer '75, M'82** is planning a reunion of **IUP Trombone Studio graduates**. Scheduled for April 17-19, the event will unite current and former studio members in a large group rehearsal and performance. More information is available from Dennis at 147 Sherwood Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201 or trombone@windstream.net or from alumni-relations@iup.edu. According to Dennis, during 1967-68, two events forever changed the IUP Trombone Studio. The first was the hiring of Richard Thorell, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and student of Emory Remington. Thorell formed the very first

trombone choir on the IUP campus. The second event was the formation of a student-led group known as the Hickey-bones. **Ron Hickey '70** went on to work for the United States Army Band ("Pershing's Own") as a staff arranger. Over the past forty years, the studio has been taught by only two professors: Thorell and Dickinson, current professor of trombone, graduate of Florida State University and Catholic University, and former student of William Cramer, Matty Shiner, and Milton Stevens.

Last November, at Phi Sigma Kappa's Third Annual West Coast Reunion of brothers from the seventies, a photo was taken at a Sunday brunch—the kind of brunch “only brother **Howie Vicini '73** could prepare,” according to **Jeff Reynolds '75**, who supplied the picture that is now on line in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine. Brunch eaters at Lake Tahoe, Calif., included Jeff, Howie, **Liz Duke Hartman '75** (sister of Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Sig Sweetheart), **Bob Hartman '76**, and **Dave Phelps '76**. The fourth annual reunion was scheduled for early October.

When **Patricia Eurich Bjorke '76** volunteered to be a Daisy Girl Scout leader twelve years ago for her oldest daughter's troop, she didn't think she would eventually be hired as community development manager of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council. In the position she accepted in March, she oversees membership, marketing, and outreach services to four rural counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her dozen years of Girl Scout volunteer experience included serving as a troop leader for girls from five to seventeen and as a program coach and special events coordinator.

The district director for the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, **Gail Watkins**

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Varcelotti '77 was recently a moderator and panelist at a Ventilation Care Collaborative sponsored by Covidien Respiratory and Monitoring Solutions, Boulder, Colo. IUP alumnus **James Fisher '94** was instrumental in organizing the event at Pittsburgh's Station Square.

John Franco '78, M'88 has been selected for induction into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He has been coach at Tyrone High School for fifteen years and coached the first state champion from Blair County.

In September, **Jocelyn Poore Moyer '78** received a master's degree in classroom technology from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre. A family and consumer science teacher at Wilson High School in West Lawn, near Reading, she and her husband, John, have two children: Drew, a freshman in pharmacy at Wilkes, and Kyle, a junior at Wilson.

George Braunnegg '79 forwarded a photo of six Theta Xi brothers from last summer's Business Golf Classic, sponsored by the Eberly College of Business and Information

Technology at the Longue Vue Club. The photo is in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine. Those shown include **George, Mark Hurrell '79, John Liebenguth '79, Tom Wallace '80, Randy Buono '81, and Scott Meredith '82.**

The new director of Communications for Exela Health, the region's third-largest employer, is **Robin Stahl Jennings '79**. The company serves Westmoreland, southern Indiana, and northern Fayette counties through four hospitals and various ancillary services. Robin has been in health care

communications for a decade, having spent twice that time in the newspaper business with the *Tribune-Review*.

●1980s

Cambria County (Pa.) Sheriff **Robert Kolar '80** of Ebensburg has been appointed by Governor Ed Rendell to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and its Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Committee. He served for twenty-four years on the Pennsylvania State Police.

Steve Chimchirian '81 was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in a ceremony at the Pentagon attended by family and friends. He is currently on active duty with the U.S. Army and is married to **Jan Westerberger Chimchirian '81**, a U.S. Army Reserve retiree. Steve and Jan have three children: Jason, a U.S. Military Academy '07 honor graduate and second lieutenant in the U.S. Army; Jamie; and Joshua. Steve was mobilized in 2004 and has served at the Pentagon and in Afghanistan with the 82th Airborne Division. A photo of Steve and his family appears in the Military Alumni section of Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

A recent promotion made **Pamela Michaels Dobrowolski '81** a group manager of Genetics Group II within the Genetics Division at ARUP Laboratories, a national reference laboratory in Salt Lake City that is wholly owned by the University of Utah. She and her husband, Steven, have two children (Natalie and Kodi) still at home; a daughter, Julie, enrolled in a nursing curriculum in Pittsburgh; and a son, Ian, studying photography in Boston.

At July's Business Golf Classic, sponsored by IUP's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, **James**

Scalo '81 was recognized with the 2008 Eberly Outstanding Entrepreneur Award. President of Pittsburgh's Burns & Scalo Real Estate since 1990, he is a board member of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance and Junior Achievement, a member of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Economic Development Panel, and former president and national board member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Pittsburgh with their four children.

In June, **Mark Anthony '82, M'83** received the Donna Dentler Service Award for outstanding contributions to the Pennsylvania Association for Colleges and Employers. Mark, who is director of the Career Development Center at IUP, has been at various times a board member at large, a conference chair, treasurer, and president of the association. The award's namesake, the late **Donna Dentler**, graduated from IUP in 1970.

Derek White '82 has been appointed president of the Hotel Networks, headquartered in New York City. He directs television commercial media, video-on-demand advertising, and hotel-based promotion for more than 1.8 million hotel rooms, including, he notes, "all of the biggest and most upscale hotel brands." He is also an officer of LodgeNet Interactive.

Julie Shrewsbury Caponi '83 was honored as the 2008 Eberly Outstanding Business Professional at July's Business Golf Classic, sponsored by IUP's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology. An officer and vice president of Internal Audit at Alcoa, she is responsible for the corporation's auditing activities in its world-wide operations. She is also a board member and serves on the Audit and Executive Compensation committees of

First Commonwealth Financial Corporation. Before joining Alcoa, Julie was an audit partner at Deloitte in the accounting firm's Pittsburgh office. She and her husband, John, have two children.

Anita Loniero Doncaster '83 was recently named a communication practice leader at Hewitt Associates, a worldwide human resources consulting firm. In her new role, she's responsible for sales and operations for the Southeast Region, which includes offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, and Washington, D.C. Based in Charlotte, Anita and her husband, Jim, have a six-year-old daughter, Emma.

Kimberly Gribble Praniewicz '83 is president of VS Publishing Company, a publisher of tourism and local lifestyle magazines in Orlando, Fla., where she lives with her husband, John.

A CPA and owner of J.M. Basso & Associates in Downingtown, Pa., **Jacquelyn Holland Basso '84** has been named chair of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Personal Financial Planning Committee.

When her husband's career in education moved the family to Cecil County, Maryland, **Judi Lepley Brown '84** began a second career as a high school special educator with the county's public schools. In 2007, she received a master's degree in leadership in teaching from College of Notre Dame of Maryland. She has since accepted a position as a local support teacher at Cecil County's Alternative Education Program. She lives in North East, Md., with her husband, Erick, and two of their seven children.

Bill Menk '84 retired after twenty-four years in education and is now administrative assistant at Blais Veterinary Hospital near Indiana. Bill plays saxo-

phone professionally with his bands Encore! and Grand Staff, as well as directing Marion Center's Music in the Park summer concert series, which he founded ten years ago. As a result of his community work, he was nominated for Indiana County's Ambassador Award. His wife, **Tammy Henry Menk '84, M'00**, is a music teacher in the Homer-Center School District.

Jim Felter M'85 has spent the past three years in Haiti, performing humanitarian work. He also has more than a quarter-century's experience as a producer, editor, and writer for television, feature films, and educational programming. A story about Jim by Communications Media graduate student Caitlin Hamryszak appears as a Web Exclusive on the *IUP Magazine* website (www.iup.edu/magazine).

Tim Pulte '85 was promoted last spring from executive managing director to partner and president in GVA Smith Mack's Philadelphia Suburban office. His photo and more information appear in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Trombone Studio members of the '80s: See the reunion invitation in the news note about Dennis Cramer '75, M'82.

The president of Covington Investment Advisors, Inc., in Ligonier, **Patrick Wallace '85** hosted an event in May to celebrate the business's fifth year. Carnegie Mellon University professor Allan Meltzer, a world-renowned expert in the development and application of monetary policy, was invited to address the firm's clients at a private dinner.

Colleen Sharpe Williams '85 spent a long family weekend last summer with **Jacqueline Ryan Ledger**, a friend from the Punxsutawney Campus in 1985-87. Colleen and her husband, Bill, have two fourteen-year-old sons and have

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adopted two other children, who are four. Colleen is dining director for a large school district in western New Jersey, and Jackie is a floral designer for Giant and lives in Hellertown, Pa., with her husband, Tim, and two children. "We look forward to hearing from any of those we met at IUP and Punxs'y," Colleen said. "We certainly loved reminiscing during our vacation and entertained our kids with our memories."

After twenty years, most of it spent working in broadcast radio, **Paul Birkhimer '86** entered graduate school at Purdue University. He recently completed his studies in the College Student Personnel program with a Master of Science degree in education. Paul is employed as an academic advisor at Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, Ind.

A math specialist in the Norfolk (Va.) Public Schools, **Laura Andres Gray '88** received a master's degree from Norfolk State University in May, as well as math specialist certification.

Cold Warfare II: Political Terror is the successor volume to *Cold Warfare: A Compact History*, written by **Patrick Pacalo '88**. The new book is due out late this year. Patrick has a Ph.D. degree in social sciences and interned at the U.S. Army War College in 1983. He is a retired captain and served as an intelligence officer in 1990 and 1992 in the reserve 464th Chemical Brigade.

The first person to hold the position of director of recruiting and professional development at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson is **Michele Bendekovic '89**. The firm comprises more than 180 lawyers in seven locations throughout West Virginia and Ohio. Michele has a master's degree in personnel administration and industrial relations from Saint Francis University and previously worked at two other Pittsburgh

law firms. Her photo appears in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Justine Robbins Duncan '89, a designer for Builder Products, Inc., in Raleigh, N.C., received honorable mention in a national closet design competition called Top Shelf Design Awards. The awards ceremony was held in West Palm Beach, Fla., at the 2008 Closets and Home Organization Conference and Expo. Justine's designs appeared in the May 2008 issue of *Closets* magazine.

By invitation of Pennsylvania Speaker of the House Dennis O'Brien, Harrisburg artist **Shelly Lipscomb Echeverria '89** had an exhibit of recent paintings called Dream Revival

on display in July in the Capitol East Wing Rotunda.

● 1990s

Matthew Ristvey '91 was recently selected by *Bank Investment Consultant* magazine as one of the top twenty brokerage managers in the nation. He and a fellow vice president were ranked sixteenth on the list. Matt also has the title of regional manager for First National Investment Services Company in Hermitage, Pa.

Helen Brown '93, Campus Relations manager for Vector Marketing Corporation's north-east region, is president-elect of the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers, with a three-year term that began in

July. A Doylestown, Pa., resident, she also received EACE's Outstanding Member Award for the 2007-2008 year.

James Fisher '94 was instrumental in organizing a recent Pittsburgh area health care collaboration, the Ventilation Care Collaborative, at Station Square. He is U.S. product manager of acute care ventilation for the conference's sponsor, Covidien Respiratory and Monitoring Solutions, Boulder, Colo. He has two master's degrees from Pfeiffer University in North Carolina.

Robert Gregory '94, M'96, D'08 already had two degrees and a certificate from IUP, and now he has added a doctorate in Educational and School



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● **BACK TO THE FUTURE:** Boarded-up windows in the former J.B. Eberhart Building are a sign of progress on Punxsutawney's West Mahoning Street. Under the auspices of the Foundation for IUP, the building is undergoing transformation into the Fairman Centre. Its interior has been gutted and hazardous materials abated. Interior demolition revealed a large stone arch surrounding the front main entry. Reflected in nineteenth-century photographs, the arch has now been incorporated in an updated design for the Fairman Centre. Also to be replicated are small, glass-prism transom windows above the large front windows on the building's first floor. Arched, stained-glass windows from the third floor will be cleaned, repaired, and reused. The redesign has been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation.



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Psychology. His dissertation, "Tier I Response to Intervention Elementary School Preparedness Factors," was awarded a 2007 IUP Graduate Student Research Grant. A school psychologist with Westmoreland Intermediate Unit in Greensburg, Robert undertook a residency in psychology at Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County. He and his wife, Susan, and daughter, Madalyn, live in Leechburg.

Carlisle attorney **Marylou Figard Matas '94** has been awarded a 2008 Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Award. Associated with Saidis, Flower, & Lindsay the past two years, she is currently president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Cumberland County Bar Association.

Jason Shorr '94 recently had an exhibition of his medically influenced fine art at

Pittsburgh's Carnegie Science Center. A North Hills resident who teaches at the secondary high school level, he has also had his work shown at several galleries in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Knoxville, Tenn., residents **Barbara McKernan Veith '94** and her husband, Gabriel, have two daughters, Mallory and Colby, and a son, Adam.

In a new position with Reed Exhibitions in Harrisburg, **Chris O'Hara '95** is heading up show development for the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show, scheduled for February 7-15 at the State Farm Show Complex. Chris previously was promotions manager for Bass Pro Shops.

Trombone Studio members of the '90s: See the reunion invitation in the note about Dennis Cramer '75, M'82.

Franz Kellermanns M'98



weddings

1970s

Stephen Bullick '75 to Diana McDonald '77, April 14, 2007.

1980s

Clyde Jones '82, M'86 to Sheri Schrauger, October 5, 2007.

1990s

Barbara Wagner '95, M'03 to James Stile, June 17, 2006.

Kris Douglas '98 to Jennifer Bichler, November 10, 2007.

2000s

Karen Geist '00 to Dana Gehman, June 28, 2008. **Holly Hursh '00 to Chris Wirt**, April 26, 2008. **Lynn Mullican '00 to Donald Evans**, May 27, 2008. **Rachel Moreno '02 to Allan Lee**, August 12, 2007. **Erin Sargent '02 to David Gredler**, June 28, 2008. **Ashley Gloekler '04 to Phil Kosko '04**, May 23, 2008. **Kevin Podany M'04 to Charlene Wong Shieh-lin**, February 2, 2008. **Jessica Oliver '08 to Timothy Sams '08**, June 28, 2008.

Malaysian lass swept off by American guy



BLISSFUL DAY: Kevin and Charlene in their wedding photo.

(Editor's Note: In late July The Star of Malaysia printed the headline above with the following story by Thomas Lee. It provides a window on the marriage of two IUP alumni from a Far Eastern perspective. The groom received a master's degree in 2004.)

It was simply a beautiful sight to behold—the Chinese bride and her American bridegroom in traditional Chinese costumes. Charlene Wong Shieh-lin, 29, the eldest daughter of Henry and Evelyn Wong of Petaling Jaya, was swept off her feet by Kevin Paul Podany, 33, when they first met

five years ago when both were attending the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

They were two very different people, from different cultures and backgrounds. They first met at a Mexican bar and got to know each other better over coffee and snacks. Soon those two people started seeing each other almost every day. They talked about anything under the sun and enjoyed each other's company.

Finally, the two became one when they tied the knot on Feb. 2 this

year at the St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh in the United States. Charlene's dotting parents and her 15-year-old sister, Ashley Shieh-Lii Wong, flew all the way to Pittsburgh to share in her big day. The wedding reception in the U.S. was held on board the SS Gateway Clipper, a riverboat steamship cruiser.

They then flew back to Malaysia when the traditional Chinese tea ceremony was held at Charlene's family home at Damansara Jaya in Petaling Jaya. On Saturday (July 19), Charlene's parents held a wedding thanksgiving dinner at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Kuala Lumpur.

Being a prominent leader in his local church and the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, father Henry's guest list had no less than 500 close friends and associates. Many of Henry's old schoolmates at the Methodist Boys School in Penang, including former Thomas Cup champion Tan Aik Mong, were present with their wives.

Kevin's widowed mother Nancy Podany was there, so were many friends and relatives who came from as far as the U.S., New Zealand, Japan, China, Singapore, Brunei, and various parts of Malaysia. Kevin is a port superintendent with the APL shipping line at the Port of Newark in New Jersey. The beautiful couple went to the idyllic island of Bali for their honeymoon. They will settle down in Newark.

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received a Ph.D. degree in management from the University of Connecticut in 2003. An associate professor of management at Mississippi State, he has been named Henry Family Notable Scholar. One of his recent research papers on family firm valuation won the Family Firm Institute's best unpublished paper award for 2008.

In April, Philadelphia attorney **La Wanda Dyson White '98** was appointed chairperson of the Diversity Committee by the board of her firm, Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone, & DiSipio.

● 2000s

Melissa Catello '00 has joined the Pittsburgh firm of Dickie, McCamey, & Chilcote, concentrating in the areas of civil litigation, insurance coverage litigation, medical malpractice, and product liability law. A 2003 recipient of a J.D. degree from the University of Miami School of Law, she was a trial attorney with Portnoy & Quinn for four years.

When **Karen Geist '00** married Dana Gehman in June, three members of the bridal party were IUP alumnae: matron of honor **Amy Yingling Eby '99**, bridesmaid **Melanie Sensenig Wiest '99**, and bridesmaid **Susie Geist Krause '96**. The Gehmans live in Schwenksville, Pa.

In May, **April Meredith Rudat '00** received the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award at the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association's annual meeting in Harrisburg. The award recognizes leadership and performance on the part of an "emerging" registered dietitian. A freelance writer, April is also an instructor at Marywood University in Scranton. Her photo appears in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.



1980s

To **Tim Leysock '85** and Christina Leysock, a daughter, Kenzie Drew, June 16, 2008. To **Donita Burns Calef '88** and Stephen Calef, a daughter, Paige Ann, March 29, 2008. To **Shane Snyder '89** and Sayuri Snyder, a daughter, Skylar Blue, March 17, 2008.

1990s

To **Brenda Selmanoff Siciliano '94** and Michael Siciliano, a son, Nicholas Michael, February 13, 2008. To **Barbara McKernan Veith '94** and Gabriel Veith, a daughter, Colby Olivia, June

At the University of Kansas, **Chad Touchberry '00** won the Dr. Wayne Osness Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in May and was presented the award by fellow IUP alumnus **Bernie Kish '60**. A native of Arnold, Pa., Chad earned an M.S. degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Tex., and a Ph.D. from KU in Applied Physiology in the Department of Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences. A photo of Chad and Bernie, a lecturer on the department's Sport Management faculty, is in Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

When **Rachel Moreno '02** and Allan Lee were married in an August 2007 outdoor cere-

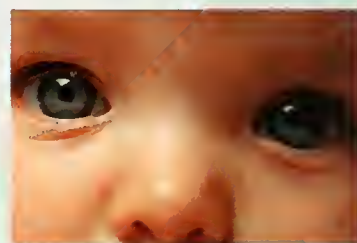
arrivals

4, 2008. To **Mark Campi '95** and Bridget Campi, a son, Nicholas Martin, July 7, 2008. To **Deb Spohn Smith '95** and Erick Smith, a daughter, Ella, June 14, 2006, and a daughter, Addison, April 23, 2008. To **Barbara Wagner Stile '95, M'03** and James Stile, a son, Brayden James, May 15, 2008. To **Jennifer Madorma McCallion '97, M'99** and Joseph McCallion, a son, Tyler James, January 30, 2008. To **Collette Surgeon Semonik '97** and Brad Semonik, a son, Bradley Kyle, February 21, 2008.

2000s

To **Mike Jancristoforo '00** and Emily Jancristoforo, a daughter, Hannah Colyer, April 16, 2007. To **Brenda Buskirk Hinkle '01** and Korey

Hinkle '01, a son, Brayden, June 22, 2008. To **Michael Stephenson '01** and **Meredith Carl Stephenson '02**, a son, Joseph Michael, June 1, 2008. To **Abby Cunningham Steurer '01** and Alex Steurer, a son, Nolan Jay, May 27, 2008. To **Christopher Firmstone '02** and **Jessica Hoffer Firmstone '02**, a son, Dane William, January 19, 2008. To **Nan Besch Lujan '02** and Scott Lujan, a son, Logan, April 3, 2008. To **Lauren Hampton Stauffer '02** and John Stauffer, a son, Nicholas Ryan, April 22, 2008. To **Kris Proctor '03** and **Tina Crnkovic Proctor '03, M'06**, a son, Adam James, March 17, 2008.



mony at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Md., the guests included **James Ferris '00**, **Mike Bernabeo**, **Dana Graham '03**, and **James Ziegenfus '03**. Rachel, who was expecting the couple's first child in late summer, teaches hearing-impaired students for the Fairfax (Va.) County Public Schools. The Lees live in Forest Heights, Md.

Brian Vilella '00 and his wife, **Noelle Staszal Vilella '02**, are the parents of a year-old son and live in Greensburg. Brian is in sales for Guardian Protection, and Noelle is a second-grade teacher in the Hempfield Area School District and an IUP graduate student. A newborn photo of Breckin Vilella is in

Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Daniel Zolnier M'00 says he has found his dream job: director of Human Resources for the San Felipe Pueblo Tribal Administration Government. The reservation on which he works occupies some "eighty square miles of untainted, scenic property, due north of Albuquerque." He said he feels "very fortunate to have the unique opportunity to simultaneously serve the Native American community while gaining exposure to an entirely new set of values and business systems that work quite differently than any of my previous experiences, including

deaths

1925: Edna Gillespie Jones.

1931: Clara Sutter.

1932: Louise Hansen Bowers.

1933: Elizabeth Doyle Brown, Nellie Sank.

1934: Martha Culley Butler, Angelo John Romeo.

1935: Mary Dieffenbach, Mary Fair Hoffman, Mary Menges, Margaret Wargo Stump.

1936: Helen Thompson Puskar.

1938: Anna Marie MacKinney.

1940: Helen Csiszar Wagner.

1941: Pauline Perry.

1942: Alice Hageman Caponecchia.

1943: Augusta Jane Clark Bailey, Edith Smith Elwell.

1944: Josephine Eureka Strippy.

1945: S. Eleanor Bair, Mary Lou Mitchell Lyon, Wanda Levergood Murray.

1946: Rosemary La Roche Gorman.

1947: Martha Huston Campbell, Cecilia Kline Horwitz.

1948: Betty Edwards Badger, Madelyn Applequist Selden.

1949: Andrew Shaul, Henry Vallowe*.

1950: Nancy Crozier Cully, Beverly Ann Wood Edelmann, J. Gilbert Spence.

1952: Helen Kinder.

1953: Charles Blocher, Edward Soloski, Lila Gilkey Williams.

1954: Carolyn Chelgren Walizer.

1955: Barry Haddle.

1957: Stevens Burr.

1959: Phyllis Williams-Wible.

1960: William Bauer, Louella Mattern Snyder.

1962: Kathryn Henschbarger Eisenman, Richard Zana.

1963: Raymond Kinder, George Zilko.

1964: Beth Isles Harf.

1967: Malvin Bowser, Harry Yakimovich.

1968: Elaine Edwards Bonacci, Robert Johnston.

1969: Helen Elizabeth Gibson Ross.

1971: Cheryl Sweeney Zappa (M).

1972: Glenda Stout Brodak, Mary Cutler Gallup, Georgia Kovac Meyers.

1973: Patricia Johnston.

1974: Alice Corna Budney, Gordon Kinard (M).

1975: Linda Moore Mack, Maybelle Crusan Smith (M).

1976: Joann Fertenbaugh Dum.

1977: Thomas Carnahan.

1981: Richard Gordon.

1983: Marjorie Swink Saylor.

2002: Clinton Kauffman (D).

*current or former faculty member, staff member, or administrator

other deaths

Edward Ruffner, who worked at IUP from 1970 to 2005 and played an active role in union and civic affairs, died June 28, 2008.

Robert Taylor, a member of the athletic staff at IUP from 1980 until his retirement in 2006 when he was in his mid-eighties, died August 8, 2008.

Ryan Winder, a senior Theater major from Hatfield, died June 11, 2008.

those acquired while working on my master's degree in Industrial and Labor Relations at IUP."

Alyssa Rosso '01 is planning to marry Army Capt. Jay Ross on June 26, 2010.

In early August, the subject of the *Naples (Fla.) Daily News* regular feature The Dish was **Mark Vuckovich CA'01**. He is chef at the Grill Room at the Naples Ritz-Carlton, with which he has been associated for three years. Mark provided the newspaper with a fabulous recipe, accessible on the newspaper website, for wild mushroom ravioli.

Meredith Carl Stephenson '02 is human resources manager at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP. Last January, she was elected to serve a three-year term on the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association's

Board of Directors. Her husband, **Michael Stephenson '01**, works for the Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department. The Stephensons live in Allison Park with their son.

The recipient in June of a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, **Kenneth Lingenfelter '03** is doing a residency in orthopedic surgery at Pinnacle Health Systems, Harrisburg. His photo appears in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Recently married, **Ashley Gloekler '04** and **Phil Kosko '04** live in Charlotte, N.C., where Ashley is a store manager for Hertz Corporation and Phil is a store planner for Cato Corporation.

Li Fen Yang M'05 is an English teacher in Idea Kindergarten in Taiwan. Her husband,

Shih Wei Chang M'06, is a marketing specialist with Qisda Corporation. They have been married since 2002.

Tim Zeiger '05 received an M.A. degree from Spalding University in Louisville and is now at work on a Psy.D. degree in clinical psychology.

Dave Wheatner M'06, a Pittsburgh-based strategic life coach and composer, has written *Naked Idealism: Expose Your Authentic Side and Create a Sustainable Life and World*. Information about the book is at Amazon.com and at idealistcoach.com.

Yun "Sofia" Feng M'07 teaches Chinese at Hornell (N.Y.) High School and was the subject of a story in the *Evening Tribune*. At twenty-five, she knows five languages, has two master's degrees, and has spent seven years in Russia and two in

the U.S. "In China," the story notes, "students are required to learn English. Russian students have to learn at least two foreign languages. Now, Feng said, she's happy to help American students compete."

In August, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* described a Windsor chair-making class taught by Craig Smith at the Society for Contemporary Craft in the Strip District. **Andy Scott M'07** was one of the more expert pupils in the sold-out class. "I've always wanted to build a Windsor because technically, it's very challenging," he said. "It's a beautiful marriage of form and function." Andy is an art and woodworking teacher at the Kiski School in Saltsburg.





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